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GREEN THUMB GARDENING



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More Herbs Than You May Realize

We are all familiar with the more common herbs such as Basil, Marjoram, Oregano and Parsley. But, did you know that Silvermound Artemesia, Purple Cone Flower and Bee Balm are also herbs.

Silvermound is a popular landscaping perennial that forms silver, lacy mounds. It also has taller, less-formal relatives that are also considered herbs. Most are too toxic for culinary use. Their major use is in crafts and landscapes.

Bee Balm or Monarda is also better known as a landscaping herb. Its rooster comb-like flowers atop 2-1/2-3 ft. plants are extremely showy. It is one of the few herbs that performs very well in semi-shade. Hummingbirds and Tea drinkers both enjoy this plant. The distinctive flavor of Earl Grey Tea comes from Monarda.

Sweet Woodruff is also an herb. But it is probably better known as a groundcover in a woodland setting. This plant is the most shade tolerant of all herbs. It is easy to identify by its whorled leaves that are arranged like the spokes of a wheel. At this time of year it forms a carpet of white blooms. Sweet Woodruff is only faintly fragrant when fresh but attains its full aroma when dried. It is also useful to "fix" aromas in potpourri, similar to orris root.

To learn more about the culture, and uses of Herbs, plan to attend our Annual Herb Fair June 25th, 1994 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Each week Christine Cole of Tuitman's Garden Centre and Landscaping, Highway 25, 1 mile south of Acton, 853-2480, will be presenting helpful tips and information to assist you in creating your garden showplace!

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